In the Claims:

The claims are as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A method for managing an electronic commerce (e-commerce) shopping cart relating to communication between a shopper and a server over a communication network, said method comprising the steps of:

determining by the server whether a shopping command of the shopper has changed an attribute of a primary item in the shopping cart;

after the server has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of the primary item in the shopping cart, identifying by the server a secondary item in the shopping cart linked to the primary item; and

changing by the server a corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein after said identifying step and before said changing step, said method further comprising the steps of:

soliciting and receiving by the server authorization from the shopper to change the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said authorization is explicit.

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4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said authorization is implicit.

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13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein before said determining step, said method further comprising the step of: waiting by the server for said shopping command and continuing to wait by the server for said shopping command so long as said shopping command has not been received by the server.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein after said determining step has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of said primary item and before said identifying step, said method further comprising the steps of:

ascertaining whether the primary item is a new primary item; and

after said ascertaining has ascertained that the primary item is not said new primary item, then performing said identifying step.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are a same attribute.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are different attributes.

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17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, said determining, identifying, and changing steps being performed for a merchant of the primary item.

19. (Previously presented) A system, comprising a server adapted to implement a method for managing an electronic commerce (e-commerce) shopping cart relating to communication between a shopper and a server over a communication network, said method comprising the steps of:

determining by the server whether a shopping command of the shopper has changed an attribute of a primary item in the shopping cart;

after the server has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of the primary item in the shopping cart, identifying by the server a secondary item in the shopping cart linked to the primary item; and

changing by the server a corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein after said identifying step and before said changing step, said method further comprising the step of:

soliciting and receiving by the server authorization from the shopper to change the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the

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primary item.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein said authorization is explicit.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein said authorization is implicit.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein before said determining step, said method further comprising the step of: waiting by the server for said shopping command and continuing to wait by the server for said shopping command so long as said shopping command has not been received by the server.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein after said determining step has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of said primary item and before said identifying step, said method further comprising the steps of:

ascertaining whether the primary item is a new primary item; and

after said ascertaining has ascertained that the primary item is not said new primary item, then performing said identifying step.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are a same attribute.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the attribute of the primary item and

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the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are different attributes.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, said determining, identifying, and changing steps being performed for a merchant of the primary item.

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